

25X1A

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

# INFORMATION REPORT

REPORT NO.

CD NO.

COUNTRY East Germany/Various

DATE DISTR. 4 August 1953

SUBJECT    Activities of the East German Chamber of Foreign Trade

NO. OF PAGES 1

PLACE  
ACQUIRED

25X1A

NO. OF ENCLS.  
(LISTED BELOW)

DATE OF INFO.

SUPPLEMENT TO  
REPORT NO.

THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS INFORMATION AFFECTING THE NATIONAL DEFENSE OF THE UNITED STATES, WITHIN THE MEANING OF TITLE 18, SECTIONS 793 AND 794, OF THE U. S. CODE AS AMENDED. ITS TRANSMISSION OR REVELATION OF ITS CONTENTS TO OR RECEIPT BY AN UNAUTHORIZED PERSON IS PROHIBITED BY LAW. THE REPRODUCTION OF THIS FORM IS PROHIBITED.

THIS IS UNEVALUATED INFORMATION

25X1X

During the first weeks of April 1953 the East German Chamber of Foreign Trade (Kammer fuer Ausserhandel) (KFA) wrote to the Chambers of Trade in Sofia, Bucharest, Prague, Warsaw and Tirana requesting that the KFA be informed as soon as possible of firms in the respective satellite countries which were known to Egypt. These firms were to be asked to assist in fulfilling the trade agreement made between East Germany and Egypt during the first part of 1953.

At the Moscow Economic Conference in 1952 Max Krochut, of the Comité Français pour le Développement du Commerce International (COFRACI), signed a trade agreement with the East German delegation amounting to 110,000,000. Subsequently, at the 1952 Leipzig fair, Krochut and Director Faetzold of the Deutsche Warenvertriebsgesellschaft (D.W.) signed a partial agreement (Teilabkommen) to realize part of the original sum. There was no further action on realizing this agreement because of difficulties on the part of the French committee in getting permission from the Ministry of Trade and on the part of East German authorities in delivering certain wares. In April 1953 the KFA was notified that Robert Chamberlain, president of the COFRACI,<sup>1</sup> had obtained the necessary permission from the Ministry of Trade and that Krochut would come to Berlin on 25 April 1953 to conclude the agreement. All the files were with Kretschmann (rue) of the East German Ministry of Foreign and Domestic Trade (MAI), who would turn them over to Faetzold of the D.W. upon Krochut's arrival.

2.

4. According to an announcement in Taegliche Rundschau of 12 April 1953 the Praesidium of the LFA was constituted on 10 April 1953 consisting of Dr. Gottfried Lessing as President and the following members: Director G. Meyer, Director A. Kloeckner, Director K. Apperlein, Chief Editor G. Hinnik, Director H. Schneider and Director A. Ietzold

25X1A

1: [ ] Comment: Chamberion is not the president of COFRACI,  
although he had a part in organizing it.

CLASSIFICATION SECRET

25X1

[illegible]